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TO AMEMBASSY BONN PRIORITY

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, GW

SUBJECT: THEFT OF MUSTARD GAS

1. DEPARTMENT IS CONCERNED ABOUT REPORTS THAT CONTAINERS OF MUSTARD GAS WERE STOLEN AT THE END OF APRIL FROM A NON-US MILITARY INSTALLATION IN THE FRG, POSSIBLY BY A TERRORIST GROUP. DETAILS IN REPORTS ARE CONFLICTING CONCERNING QUANTITY MISSING, BY WHOM MATERIAL WAS PRODUCED, AND FROM WHOM MATERIAL WAS STOLEN.

2. IN ADDITION TO ANSWERS TO ABOVE QUESTIONS, WE WOULD LIKE ANY INFORMATION EMBASSY HAS ON ADDITIONAL QUANTITIES OF CHEMICAL WARFARE AGENTS PRESENT AT THEFT SITE AND REASON FOR PRESENCE OF SUCH AGENTS.

3. REQUEST EMBASSY REPORT STEPS TAKEN BY FRG AUTHORITIES

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TO RECOVER MISSING MUSTARD GAS AND TO GUARD AGAINST

POSSIBLE USE BY TERRORISTS. ALSO DESIRE EVALUATION OF  
PRESS COVERAGE AND DOMESTIC POLITICAL REACTION.

4. DEPARTMENT ASSUMES MUSTARD STOCKS ARE NOT OF US  
ORIGIN. HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF POLITICAL SENSITIVITY OF  
CHEMICAL WEAPONS-RELATED MATTERS, DEPARTMENT SHOULD BE  
INFORMED OF ANY EVIDENCE OR ALLEGATION TO THE CONTRARY. INGERSOLL

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